Claims   5, 7-12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 22-24, 54-56, 58-60, 66-68   are amended herein. All pending claims and their present status are produced below.

1.   (Original)   An event planning process executed by a server system in a computer network including a plurality of user terminals communicatively coupled with the server system via the network, the process comprising the steps of:

> providing an event planning graphical user interface at a user terminal, the interface enabling a user to plan an event;

> receiving event information input by the user, said event information indicating a scheduled event, at least one invitee to be invited to said scheduled event and information indicative of RSVP fees required to attend said scheduled event;

> providing an invitation to said invitee, said invitation indicating said scheduled event and said RSVP fees, and soliciting a response to said invitation, wherein an affirmative response to said invitation requires a payment as defined by said RSVP fees;

> receiving RSVP status information including payment information from said invitee; and

> verifying said payment information.

2.   (Original)   An event planning process as recited in claim 1 wherein said step of providing an event planning graphical user interface at the user terminal includes generating at least one event planning Web page that is accessible at the user terminal via the network, said event planning Web page including embedded code for providing said event planning graphical user interface.

3.   (Original)   An event planning process as recited in claim 1 wherein said steps of providing an invitation to said invitee and receiving RSVP status information further comprise:

generating an invitation Web page based on said event information, said invitation
Web page being accessible via the network and being operative to provide
an invitation response graphical user interface for enabling said invitee to
respond to said invitation;

sending an invitation message to said invitee, said invitation message prompting
said invitee to view said invitation Web page; and

receiving input provided by said invitee via said invitation Web page, said input
provided by said invitee indicating said RSVP status information.

4.	(Original)	An event planning process as recited in claim 3 wherein said step
of sending an invitation message to said invitee comprises sending an Email message via the
network to said invitee at a second user terminal, said Email invitation including a link to
said invitation Web page.

5.	(Currently Amended)	An event planning process as recited in claim 3
wherein the server system is communicatively coupled with a ~~plain old~~ telephone system,
and wherein said step of sending an invitation message to said invitee comprises sending a
fax invitation message to said invitee via said telephone system, said fax invitation including
a universal resource locator for accessing said invitation Web page via the network.

6.	(Original)	An event planning process as recited in claim 3 wherein said step
of sending an invitation message to said invitee comprises sending a post card to said invitee,
said post card providing a universal resource locator for accessing said invitation Web page
via the network.

7.	(Currently Amended)	An event planning process as recited in claim 1
wherein the server system is communicatively coupled with an interactive voice response
system that is connected to a ~~plain old~~ telephone system, said interactive voice response
system being configured to enable said invitee to provide said RSVP status information in
response to said invitation, and wherein said RSVP status information is received at the
server system via said interactive voice response system.

8. (Currently Amended) An event planning process as recited in claim ~~1~~ 3 wherein:

> said step of providing an event planning graphical user interface at the user terminal ~~includes~~ comprises a step of providing a plurality of invitation templates each being associated with a different type of event and having at least one associated graphical image;
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> said step of receiving event information includes receiving information indicative of a selected one of said templates; and
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> said step of generating an invitation Web page includes generating an invitation Web page based on said selected template, said invitation Web page displaying said associated graphical image.

9. (Currently Amended) An event planning process as recited in claim 1 wherein:

> said step of providing an event planning graphical user interface at the user terminal ~~includes~~ comprises providing access to an address book associated with the user, said address book ~~including~~ comprising a list of contacts and associated contract addresses;
>
> said step of receiving event information ~~includes~~ comprises receiving information indicative of selected ones of said contacts; and
>
> said step of <u>providing</u> an invitation ~~includes~~ comprises providing invitations to said selected contacts.

10. (Currently Amended) An event planning process as recited in claim 3 wherein said step of providing an event planning graphical user interface ~~includes~~ comprises prompting the user to indicate whether said scheduled event is to be listed in a public events directory, and wherein said event information indicates whether said scheduled event is to be listed in the public events directory, and further comprising the step of:

> if said event information indicates that said scheduled event is to be listed in the public events directory, providing a link ~~;~~to said invitation Web page from a ~~home page~~ Web page that is accessible via the network, said invitation

Web page allowing anyone who accesses said invitation Web page to
RSVP for said scheduled event.

11.   (Currently Amended)   An event planning process as recited in claim 1
wherein said step of providing an event planning graphical user interface ~~includes~~ comprises
prompting the user to indicate a schedule for sending reminders to invited guests, and further
comprising the step of sending reminder messages to said invitees in accordance with said
schedule.

12.   (Currently Amended)   An event planning process as recited in claim 3
wherein:

       said step of providing an event planning graphical user interface ~~includes~~
           comprises prompting the user to specify a question for said invitee;
       said event information specifies said question;
       said invitation Web page is further operative to provide invitation response
           graphical user interface components enabling said invitee to provide a
           response to said question; and
       said step of receiving ~~invitee user~~ input ~~via said invitation Web page includes~~
           comprises receiving information indicative of said response.

13.   (Original)   An event planning process as recited in claim 12 wherein said
invitation Web page is further operative to enable other invitees to view said response if the
user has selected an option of enabling said other invitees to view said response .

14.   (Currently Amended)   An event planning process as recited in claim 3
wherein said invitation Web page is further operative to enable said invitee to view
~~information indicating other invitees associated with the planned event, and~~ RSVP status
information associated with each of said other invitees.

15.   (Original)   An event planning process as recited in claim 3 wherein invitees
may post messages and comments regarding the event on said invitation Web page.

16.　(Original)　An event planning process as recited in claim 15 wherein said user may specify that all of said posted messages and comments may be viewed only by said user.

17.　(Currently Amended)　An event planning process as recited in claim 3 wherein said step of providing an event planning graphical user interface ~~includes~~ comprises prompting the user to indicate whether said invitee may forward said invitation to other people.

18.　(Currently Amended)　An event planning process as recited in claim 1 wherein said step of providing an event planning graphical user interface ~~includes~~ comprises prompting the user to indicate ticket pricing information indicating a price of at least one type of ticket being offered for admission to said scheduled event, and further comprising a step of determining convenience fees to be paid to administrators of the server system based on sales of said tickets to said invitees.

19.　(Original)　An event planning process as recited in claim 18 wherein said event information provided by said user indicates whether said convenience fees are to be paid from proceeds of ticket sales, or whether said convenience fees are to be passed on to said invitees.

20.　(Currently Amended) An event planning process as recited in claim 2 further comprising the steps, of:

> providing an event summary Web page to the user terminal, the event summary
>> Web page enabling the user to select from at least one previously planned
>> event;
> receiving user input from said user via said event summary Web page, said user
>> input indicating a selected one of the previously planned events;
> generating event summary information associated with the selected event, said
>> event summary information ~~including~~ comprising RSVP status
>> information associated with each of the invitees for selected event; and
> transmitting said event summary information to said user terminal.

21.   (Original)   An event planning process as recited in claim 3 wherein said invitation Web page provides an invitation response graphical user interface enabling said invitee to select "maybe" as an said RSVP status response.

22.   (Currently Amended)   An event planning process as recited in claim 1 wherein said step of providing an event planning graphical user interface includes comprises prompting the user to specify a maximum number of invitees.

23.   (Currently Amended)   An event planning process as recited in claim 2 further comprising the steps of:

>   providing an event report Web page to the user terminal, the event report Web
>   page enabling the user to select from at least one previously planned
>   event;
>   receiving user input from said user via said event report Web page, said user input
>   indicating a selected one of the previously planned events;
>   generating event report information associated with the selected event, said event
>   report information including comprising RSVP fee status information
>   associated with each of the invitees for said selected event; and
>   transmitting said event report information to said user terminal.

24.   (Currently Amended)   An event planning process as recited in claim 18 further comprising the steps of:

>   providing an event report Web page to the user terminal, the event report Web
>   page enabling the user to select from at least one previously planned
>   event;
>   receiving user input from said user via said event report Web page, said user input
>   indicating a selected one of the previously planned events;
>   generating event report information associated with the selected event, said event
>   report information including comprising RSVP fee status information and
>   convenience fee information associated with said selected event; and
>   transmitting said event report information to said user terminal.

25.   (Original)   An event planning process as recited in claim 1 wherein each of said invitees is a member of an organization.

26-51   (Canceled)

52.   (Previously Presented)   The event planning process of claim 1, wherein the step of verifying said payment information comprises linking to a payment processor system to verify the payment information.

53.   (Previously Presented)   The event planning process of claim 52, wherein said payment information comprises credit card information and the step of linking to a payment processor system comprises providing the payment information to the payment processor in order to initiate a credit card transaction.

54.   (Currently Amended)   The event planning process of claim 1, further comprising storing RSVP ~~fee~~ status information for said invitee in a database.

55.   (Currently Amended)   The event planning process of claim 54, wherein the database is configured to store information about a plurality of scheduled events and RSVP ~~fee~~ status information about each of the plurality of scheduled events.

56.   (Currently Amended)   The event planning process of claim 54, wherein the database is configured to store information about a plurality of options associated with a scheduled event and RSVP ~~fee~~ status information associated with each of the plurality of options.

57.   (Previously Presented)   The event planning process of claim 56, wherein the plurality of options comprises one of: payment options, ticket category options, and options for receiving an invitee response.

58.   (Currently Amended)   The event planning process of claim 1, wherein ~~the information indicative of RSVP fees required to attend said scheduled event comprises a~~

~~plurality of RSVP fees,~~ each of the plurality of RSVP fees associated with one of: an invitee status and a selection by the invitee of an option associated with the scheduled event.

59.   (Currently Amended)   The event planning process of claim ~~57~~ 58, wherein the invitee status comprises a membership status.

60.   (Currently Amended)   A computer program product, the computer program product comprising a computer readable medium having stored therein computer-executable instructions for performing the steps of:

> providing an event planning graphical user interface, the interface configured to receive information associated with an event;

> receiving event information specifying an event, at least one invitee to be invited to the event, and RSVP fee information specifying a fee required to attend the event;

> electronically storing the event information~~, at least one invitee, and RSVP fee information~~ in a database;

> electronically providing an invitation to the invitee that ~~includes~~ comprises the event information and RSVP fee information and solicits a response to the invitation, an affirmative response to the invitation requiring a payment responsive to the RSVP fee information ;

> electronically receiving a response to the invitation from the invitee ~~including~~ comprising payment information; and

> electronically providing the payment information to a payment processing server for verification.

61.   (Previously Presented)   The computer program product of claim 60, wherein the event planning graphical user interface comprises a portion for receiving the RSVP fee information.

62.   (Previously Presented)   The computer program product of claim 60, wherein the portion comprises one of: a button, a check box, a text box, and a menu.

63. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 60, wherein the event planning graphical user interface comprises at least one graphical component for specifying ticketing information, the ticketing information comprising one of: ticket category information, ticket price information, and ticket discount information.

64. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 63, wherein the ticket discount information is associated with one of: a membership discount and an early response discount.

65. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 60, further comprising instructions encoded on the media for linking to a payment processor system to verify the payment information.

66. (Currently Amended) The ~~event planning process~~ computer program product of claim 60, wherein said payment information comprises credit card information and the step of linking to a payment processor system comprises providing the payment information to the payment processor in order to initiate a credit card transaction.

67. (Currently Amended) An event planning process as recited in claim 1 wherein the steps of providing an invitation to the invitee and receiving RSVP status information further comprise:

> generating an invitation Web page based on the event information, the invitation Web page being publicly-accessible via the network to a plurality of viewers ~~including~~ comprising the invitee and being operative to provide an invitation response graphical user interface for enabling the invitee to respond to the invitation;
>
> receiving input provided by the invitee via the invitation Web page, the input provided by the invitee indicating the RSVP status information.

68. (Currently Amended) An event planning process executed by a server system in a computer network including a plurality of user terminals communicatively coupled with the server system via the network, the process comprising the steps of:

providing an event planning graphical user interface at a user terminal, the interface enabling a user to plan an event;

receiving event information input by the user, the event information indicating a scheduled event and information indicative of RSVP fees required to attend the scheduled event;

generating an invitation Web page based on the event information, the invitation Web page being publicly-accessible via the network to a plurality of viewers including a first viewer and being operative to provide an invitation response graphical user interface for enabling the first viewer to respond to the invitation, wherein an affirmative response to the invitation requires a payment of one of the plurality of RSVP fees;

receiving input provided by the first viewer via the invitation Web page, the input provided by the first viewer indicating the RSVP status information ~~including~~ comprising payment information; and

verifying the payment information.